Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An image recording element comprising a support having thereon an image-receiving layer, said recording element containing core/shell particles wherein said shell of said particles consists of an oligomeric or polymeric aluminosilicate complex or an aluminosilicate particulate, said shell particles comprise polymeric aluminosilicate complex having the formula

$Al_xSi_yO_a(OH)_b$ $^{\bullet}nH_2O$

where the ratio of x:y is between 0.5 and 4, a and b are selected such that the rule of charge neutrality is obeyed; and n is between 0 and 10, said complex and said particulate having a positive charge and being counter balanced by an anion.

- 2. (canceled).
- 3. (withdrawn) The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said particles comprise oligomeric aluminosilicate complex and said oligomeric aluminosilicate complex is synthetic or naturally occurring hydrous aluminosilicate minerals, both crystalline and amorphous, including imogolite, proto-imogolite, allophane, halloysite, or hydrous feldspathoid.
- 4. (withdrawn) The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said particles comprise particulate and said particulate has the formula:

 $Al_xSi_vO_a(OH)_b^{\bullet}nH_2O$

where the ratio of x:y is between 1 and 3, and a and b are selected such that the rule of charge neutrality is obeyed; and n is between 0 and 10.

- 5. (original) The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said core/shell particles are present in said image-receiving layer.
- 6. (withdrawn) The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said core/shell particles are present in an overcoat layer.
- 7. (currently amended) The recording element of Claim 4 15 wherein said core comprises silica.
- 8. (original) The recording element of Claim 1 wherein the ratio of the core material to the shell material is from about 3 to about 40 % by weight of the core particles.
- 9. (currently amended) The recording element of Claim 4 7 wherein the ratio of the core material to the shell material is from about 10 to about 30 % by weight of the core particles.
- 10. (original) The recording element of Claim 1 wherein the particle size of said core/shell particle is in the range from about 5 nm to about 1000 nm.
- 11. (currently amended) The recording element of Claim 4 9 wherein the particle size of said core/shell particle is in the range from about 50 nm to about 300 nm.
- 12. (original) The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said support is opaque.
- 13. (original) The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said support is transparent.
- 14. (original) The recording element of Claim 1 which also includes a base layer located between said image-receiving layer and said support.

- 15. (currently amended) The recording element of Claim ± 5 wherein said image-receiving layer contains a polymeric binder.
- 16. (original) The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said image receiving layer is an ink jet receiving layer.